

# Thais Magrane Heads Legion's State Auxiliary

Women Defeat Moves Tending to Separate It From Main Body: Back Latter in All Recommendations

For Veterans' Preference

Hylan's Defense of Police and Schools in Welcome Talk Stirs Indignation

Delegates to the first state convention of the auxiliary of the American Legion of the New York Department met last night at the Hotel Pennsylvania, where Miss Thais Magrane, of 309 West 141st Street, was elected president.

Miss Magrane is president of the auxiliary of the S. Rankin Drew Post of New York City.

Mrs. William J. Keene, of Albany, was elected first vice-chairman, Mrs. Ada C. Ryan, of Syracuse, second vice-chairman, and Mrs. J. J. Reardon, of 27 Black Street, Elmhurst, L. I., third vice-chairman.

The secretary and the treasurer are to be appointed by the state chairman.

Excitement ran high during the voting. Miss Magrane was elected by a vote of 182 to 88 over Mrs. Keene, and then Mrs. Keene won easily over her opponent for first vice-chairman.

She received 189 votes to her opponent's 34. Mrs. Ryan was elected second vice-chairman by four votes, getting 79, while Mrs. Dorothy Kohn, of Woodhams, received 68. Mrs. Reardon received 78 votes for third vice-chairman. Her opponent's total was 63.

Vote to Stand Fast by Legion. Displaying the same determination to stand by their men relatives as they did during the war, delegates yesterday endorsed all the legislative recommendations made by the Legion in its recent convention, and defeated every motion tending to separate it from that body.

Two hundred and twenty-two delegates, representing forty-seven counties, responded to Mrs. Ray C. Sawyer's convention call, and throughout the day they discussed national problems with understanding and fairness. Among other recommendations they made were the following:

1. That Constitutional Amendment No. 1, to be voted next month, be supported by the people of the state.
  2. That the government cease discharging or suspending veterans employed in the government departments.
  3. Demanding an increase in wages for nurses who care for totally disabled veterans.
  4. Demanding an immediate improvement in the hospitalization facilities for wounded.
- Other important actions taken by the delegates were:
1. Refusing to recommend a revision of the existing rules, whereby wives, daughters, sisters and mothers of non-Legion members would be admitted to membership. It was contended by the majority that the auxiliary was essentially a Legion body, and to make such a change would divorce the two organizations.
  2. Declining to adopt a resolution providing that the auxiliary pay no dues to any other organization.
  3. Adopting a resolution making it mandatory for the auxiliary to hold its state convention each year at the same time and place as that of the Legion.
  4. Rejecting a proposal that mothers having two sons, each of whom joined a different post of the Legion, could have active membership in two auxiliaries.
- An earnest appeal was made to the auxiliary delegates by State Commander William F. Egan, in welcoming them to the convention, to give the Legion their utmost help in the problems now confronting it.

Attacks Fox Hills Hospital. The commander also paid some attention to the Fox Hills Hospital. "It is a fire trap," he charged, "and it is up to the country to move these men and send them to a safe and clean place. I have no politics and can say just what I feel. We are going to compel the authorities to act."

Much indignation was expressed by

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some of the delegates after an address of welcome later in the day from his office, was widely at variance with that delivered by him in convention hall.

He told about the excellent police system developed by Commissioner Knickerbocker and then launched into a discussion of the school question.

After blaming war conditions, labor troubles and the last city administration for such congestion of the schools as now exist, he gave statistics concerning the erection of new buildings, the expenditure of additional millions for construction now under way and incidental items.

There was an audible murmur of protest from some of the women in the audience when he told of how well the city was policed, but no protest was made from the floor.

Note—A detailed report of the auxiliary convention will be found in the American Legion columns of The Tribune on Monday, October 17.

# Woman Urges Harding To Cut Armament Half

Miss Ella L. Freed, who received a letter from President Harding concerning his hope that the disarmament conference would lead to reasonable limitation of armaments, wrote again to the President yesterday to inquire just what he meant by "reasonable limitation" and whether he regarded a 50 per cent reduction as "reasonable limitation."

"Why not suggest one-half reduction," she demanded in her letter. "When has been done the women of the world will furnish you further suggestions as to what is reasonable and practicable."

Miss Freed lives at 15 Riechley Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. She is visiting Mrs. Mary B. Orr at 143 South Oxford Street, Brooklyn, and expects to be there until November 1, when she is to go to Ithaca to attend the agricultural school of Cornell University. She is to speak at noon today at an outdoor meeting at Court and Remsen streets, Brooklyn.

# Germans Fill Silesia With Armed Forces

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hoped to find recognition of this among the Germans. But any new German government can continue this policy only if supported by a majority of the German people. The loss of that support would mean a change of policy.

A mass of figures submitted to the correspondents showed that, on the basis of the reported partition, forty-three of the sixty-seven Upper Silesian coal mines would go to Poland, where by German production would be reduced from 31,750,000 tons to 11,500,000 tons. Of the 265,000 tons of zinc ores only 35,000 remain German; of the 22,000 tons of lead ores only 5,000 remain to Germany, and of the 3,400 tons of sulphur ores only 1,200.

It appears that large parts of the property of the well known Donnersmarck family, and likewise that belonging to Count Tiele-Winckler and other aristocratic families, besides big properties owned by the Prussian state, are destined to become Polish.

The Inter-Allied Commission in Silesia has issued an appeal to the people, according to an Oppeln dispatch, to accept the decision of the Council of the League quietly and peacefully.

The commission issues a warning that every act of provocation will be sternly dealt with, and any newspaper guilty of such incitement suppressed.

No public demonstrations will be permitted.

The dollar exchange to-day went to 143 marks. Cable transfers were listed at 140, but closed at 141.50.

# British Protest Ruling On Silesian Boundary

Special Cable to The Tribune

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PARIS, Oct. 12.—The new boundary line in Upper Silesia, decided upon by the League of Nations Council, is not satisfactory to the British government.

it developed to-night, and the possibility of another session of the Allied Supreme Council looms up. The foreign offices in London and Paris are exchanging points of view, it was learned. Apparently the British expected the league to give the entire disputed province to Germany.

When the Supreme Council reached a deadlock in August on the Silesian question the premier finally agreed to turn it over to the League of Nations, and then abide by that body's decision regardless of its nature. Now it develops that the London government has pointed out to Paris that the league's decision to divide political control of the province between Poland and Germany is in conformity with the terms of the Treaty of Versailles, but that the league's decision to establish a ten-year economic control over the industrial area is not in accord with the treaty. The British government suggests, therefore, that the Supreme Council reconvene and discuss the matter. Lord Hardinge, British Ambassador here, delivered a communication to this effect to the Foreign Office.

The French point of view is that the league's decision must stand. Both nations agreed that this decision would be final, and while the boundary will be fixed by the league, the economic terms must be between Poland and Germany for settlement. The ten-year period, the French feel, is not binding. Hence the French feel that it is not necessary to reconvene the Supreme Council.

# Swiss Assure Charles Refuge While His Conduct Is Good

BERNE, Switzerland, Oct. 12.—The negotiations between the Swiss government and Spain, having as their purpose the continued residence of former Emperor Charles of Austria in Switzerland, have failed up to the present, particularly owing to difficulties of a financial nature.

The Swiss government, however, has decided to grant further asylum to Charles on condition that he shall forfeit the right of residence if a single undesirable incident occurs.

Register To-day!  
To-day and to-morrow are the last days of registration.  
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# Understanding And Service To Be Harding Aim

President Defines American Part in Work of Reconstruction in Speech to the Postal Convention

Sees Nation Leading Way

Not Averse to Postmasters Who Are Interested in Politics. He Assures Them

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—Confidence that America will be able in the reconstruction period to imbue the other nations of the earth with a spirit of service and understanding was expressed by President Harding to-night in an address before several thousand postmasters and postal employees who have been in convention here.

Without referring directly to the coming armament conference, the President declared his conviction that the "gospel of understanding" would be responsible for whatever of lasting good may be accomplished in the work of rehabilitation and realignment ahead.

"Whatever I may have learned to-night," the President said, "I knew

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about postmasters long before I came to the Presidency. I used to help pick them in the good old days, and I'm not sure but I named more of them twenty years ago than I do to-day.

# Country Nation's Balance Wheel

"I suppose I'm just a little partial to the great rural community because I began my life there. I'm just as proud of the great cities of America as any citizen of the republic, but they're just a little different. They show a little more of the passing passion, while out across the great areas of our republic are the sober, substantial citizens who are the guaranty of the perpetuity of this land. I take it we are not all of one party here, and I want to say that I'm not averse to postmasters being interested in politics."

"If any one ever comes to me and says he is seeking a postmastership and has no party affiliations he's going to be wiped off the slate right away."

"I'd rather have a hard-boiled Democrat than a yellow Republican. And when a man comes to me to seek a place and asks what the compensation is he also is wiped off the list. No man is worth while who is merely seeking a place; but the man who is worth while who is seeking an opportunity for service, particularly in this present period of change and reconstruction, I do not speak in a partisan sense or in a sense of criticism of anything that has gone before, but it's no small problem to put our Republic on its feet again and it calls for service of every man and woman that is interested in their country."

"I have sought to preach the gospel of understanding and service, and I venture to say that the greatest things we shall record in the years of reconstruction will be due to understanding and service. If we can have that spirit and do these things for our own people it is not impossible that this Republic can point the world to a way to better understanding and to a better order for mankind."

# Beets Advised as Irish Crop

Sir Thomas Esmonde Believes Project Feasible

Sir Thomas Henry Gratton Esmonde, general manager of the Southwestern Railway of Dublin and representative of County Wexford in Parliament for thirty-three years, called yesterday for Queenstown on the Cunard liner Scythia after a month's hunting in Wyoming. Sir Thomas said he had while in this country given some attention to the beet industry, and would recommend beet planting on a large scale in Ireland. He said he thought Ireland could produce enough beets to supply her completely with sugar.

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